Room, appears to have been either built or decorated by Thomas, fourth Duke of Norfolk, between 1565 and 1571, and still preserves much of its original appearance. Its principal ornament is the chimney-piece, which is of wood, and consists of a centre and two wings, in two stories, Tuscan and Ionic. The Great Hall has a curious screen and galleries of the time of Elizabeth.

Both these books will be found interesting, especially to those who owe their education to the valuable institution of which they treat.

Correspondence.

MODEL BATHS AND WASHHOUSES.

SIR,—Your strictures on the want of architectural beauty of the model establishment at Goulston-square are well deserving of general consideration. I fully admit that (as you justly say) "a large sum of money (many thousands) has been spent without the slightest attempt at architectural effect;" but though you candidly say that you "do not make this a charge against the committee," yet it is a charge requiring explanation.

The simple fact is, that the committee have not had a single shilling to spend on what is not, in the direct commercial sense, "useful." Their total expenses, including the purchase of land, will exceed 15,000*l.*; while the subscriptions intrusted to them amount to little more than 10,000*l.* They have been obliged to borrow 5,000*l.* in anticipation of future subscriptions. Under these circumstances, they have been compelled to avoid every expense which was not essential for the efficient working of the establishment.

The committee will rejoice with you, if, in the erection of other baths and washhouses, "the *usefulness* of the *beautiful* be remembered and acted on." If the funds placed at the disposal of the committee had been adequate, not only would they have been saved months of anxious endeavours to reconcile despatch with economy, but they would not have neglected "the beautiful." I may, without want of courtesy, say, that in giving Mr. Baly, "considered simply as engineer," your praise "without qualification," you have expressed as much approbation of the model establishment as the committee could reasonably desire—their chief aim having been to display in their most unpretending building (I cannot admit that it is "ugly") that engineering perfection which will render its working arrangements worthy of being generally followed. They have great reason to hope that their lengthened labours will tend very materially to the saving of time, trouble, expense, and disappointment, wherever similar arrangements are adopted.—I am, Sir, &c.

A MEMBER OF THE PARENT COMMITTEE.
May 28, 1847.

Miscellanea.

BECKFORD LIBRARY AT HAMILTON PALACE.—Mr. Beckford's son-in-law, the present Duke of Hamilton, has built a library at Hamilton Palace (to receive the books collected by Beckford) from the designs of Mr. Goodrich, architect, and the interior artistic embellishments in colour have been executed by Sang. According to a Scotch journal, the style is Greco-Italien, and the plan consists of three avenues meeting in a quadrangle, covered by a dome. The dome is formed by four spandrils, in which are portrayed allegorical figures representing the Sister Arts, while the names of the greatest intellects are emblazoned and decorated in the numerous compartments of the ceiling. Brilliant colours, gold arabesque embellishments, massive pilasters in red granite, and lapis lazuli friezes, are described as producing a fine *ensemble*.

MONUMENT TO CAXTON.—The subscription is proceeding well. Messrs. Clowes have sent 100*l.*, and the Dean and Chapter of Westminster 25*l.* Lord Morpeth will preside at a public meeting in furtherance of the object, on the 12th of June, at the Society of Arts.

PROVINCIAL ARCHÆOLOGICAL MEETINGS.—The Gloucestershire Archæological Association were to hold their annual congress this week, at Cirencester.—The Sussex Archæologists will meet at Chichester, on the 1st of next month.

PROJECTED WORKS.—Tenders have been called for by advertisement for the erection of a chapel at Poplar; a lunatic asylum at Cork; and a school and master's house at Cadby; for altering and repairing a house at King's Langley; for deepening the Buss creek at Southwold, and raising 560 rods of mud wall; erecting a brick wall, and forming drains in Poplar; extending sewers (400 feet) in Mile-end-road; erecting offices, passengers' sheds, and other buildings, at Newhaven harbour on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway; executing the works of the London and North-Western branch line from Coventry to Nuneaton; supplying 30,000 larch or baltic sleepers for the York and North Midland line; 4,000 to 5,000 cubic yards of broken Guernsey granite, or other hard stone, for repair of roads in Regent-street, Whitehall, &c., and 2,000 to 2,500 yards of same for Regent's-park-roads; also for supplying 500 tons of new blue Guernsey granite at St. Luke's, Chelsea; and a quantity of British iron and ironmongery to the East India Company; and for enclosing Islington church-yard with wrought iron railing; and painting and keeping in repair the lanterns and fittings of gas lamps in Islington.

NELSON MONUMENT, TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.—On the vote of 2,000*l.*, towards defraying the expense of completing this interminable work, being taken in the Commons the other night, Mr. Brotherton objected to it as a useless work, since he could not approve of the deification of our heroes. Lord Morpeth, in reply to the ever-watchful Mr. Hume, acknowledged that he was afraid the sum now wanted would not finish the monument, as it would only complete 10,000*l.* out of 12,000*l.* estimated to be necessary for that purpose. Indeed, if the original design were carried out, the expense would be 16,000*l.* or 17,000*l.* Mr. Borthwick said he would like to know what design the Government meant to carry out, and asked whether it would not be better to pull down the monument altogether, and erect a respectable one, instead of leaving a structure standing which would proclaim our bad taste to all Europe and to posterity? It savoured of the bad moral taste, as well as of the bad architectural taste of the country, he thought, that a monument to its greatest *naval* hero should have risen so slowly. Yet the metropolis was filled with statues in honour of their great *military* hero, which, indeed, crowded that hero's very windows—things of bronze, which one might worship without breaking the second commandment; for they were like nothing that was in Heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth. Perhaps the wisest course would be to take the advice of *Punch*, who thought the best place for them would be where they would least be seen—the Thames Tunnel, for instance. The vote was agreed to.

SHAKESPEARE'S HOUSE.—Shakespeare's house, the house in which the great poet of all time first saw the light, and lived, is to be sold by auction to the highest bidder, and an American show-man threatens to become the purchaser, and cut it up into little morsels for profitable sale. Apart from its positively *holy* character, and regarded simply as a specimen of the English yeoman's habitation of 200 years ago, it would be truly scandalous unnecessarily to destroy it. The Shakespeare Society are interesting themselves in the matter: if it be necessary, a subscription should be commenced; and yet we would not have its vandalic owner too well paid.

CHRIST CHURCH, BATTERSEA, SURREY.—Last week, the first stone of this edifice, which is being erected from the designs of Messrs. Lee and Bury, was laid by the Hon. and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, in the presence of more than two thousand of the inhabitants.

SIR JOHN RENNIE'S CONVERSAZIONE.—On Saturday evening last, Sir John Rennie, as President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, gave the first of two conversazioni, at his house in Whitehall-place. The ground-floor was wholly devoted to the reception of models, and contained a large collection of them.

PROGRESS OF ROMAN CATHOLIC BUILDINGS.—A building fund is being accumulated for the completion of thirteen new Catholic chapels already in the course of erection, and for the building of others.

INDIAN FRESCOES.—The East India Company, according to the *Athenæum*, have received from India copies in oil of part of the remains of the antique fresco paintings in the Bhuddist cave temples of Adjunta, in Kandesh.

HEALTH OF TOWNS BILL.—The Government propose to go into committee on this bill, on Monday, the 14th inst. A number of petitions in favour of it have recently been presented.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"*Constant Reader.*"—The [illegible] are included in the price, and are not measured separately—except when [illegible] a door to get at a price per foot. The ground work should be cubed.

"*G. J. W.*"—Shall hear [illegible].

"*F. A.*"—We cannot afford the space.

"*M. W.*"—The reference alluded to was not meant in any way offensively.

"*H. M.*"—The right is always the best course.

"*W. D.*"—A correspondent says he has invented a self-acting trap for gulley-drains. We cannot advise him how to dispose of it.

"*[illegible]*"—[illegible], Strand.

Received.—"R. B.," "C. B.," "R. P. S.," "A Subscriber," "R. R.," "W. E.," "G. R.," "Messrs. W.," "A Competitor," "[illegible] Brasses and Slabs: an Historical Notice of the incised Monumental Memorials of the Middle Ages," by the Rev. Chas. Boutell, M.A. (G. Bell, Fleet-street; Thos. Parker, Oxford, 1847). "The Tradesman's Book of Ornamental Designs," by E. Lamb, No. 1 (Orr, Paternoster-row). "Address of the Council of the People's International League." "Report on the Ventilation of the School Houses of Boston."

"*Books, Prices, and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL ACADEMY of ARTS, Trafalgar-square.—The Exhibition of the Royal Academy is now open. Admission (from Eight o'clock till Seven) One Shilling. Catalogue, One Shilling.
JOHN PRESCOTT KNIGHT, R.A.
Sec. [illegible]

THE NEW PALACE AT WESTMINSTER.—DEDICATED TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY.
Shortly will be Published, by Subscription, two highly finished and effective Views of the Interior of the
NEW HOUSE OF LORDS, to be executed in the very best style of Tinted Lithography by Messrs. DAY and HAGHE, Lithographers to the Queen, from very beautiful Water-colour Paintings, by Artists of eminence. The views are taken by the express permission of CHARLES BARRY, Esq. In announcing the publication of the above Views, the Publisher pledges himself to produce the Lithographs in the very highest style of the art, so as to render them worthy of the noble national edifice they are intended to illustrate.
Size of the prints, [illegible] in. by [illegible] in. Price of the pair, plain, [illegible]; coloured, in exact imitation of the drawings, and mounted, [illegible].
London: Published by WILLIAM DAY, 17, Gate-street, Lincoln's-Inn Fields.

TO ARCHITECTS AND LOVERS OF THE FINE ARTS.
OF the lately deceased Director of the Bavarian Royal Academy of Arts and Inspector-General of the Plastic Building Monuments of the kingdom of Bavaria, knight, FREIDRICH VON GAERTNER, there are still some original specimens of Monuments in Sicily, lithographed by himself on stone, on hand and for sale. As F. von Gaertner, during his stay in Sicily, has measured and drawn on the spot himself on stone, these rare remains of the old Greek School of Architecture. The original drawings of this great Architect must be considered of great value to all Architects and Lovers of the Art, the more so as there is only twenty more editions of the same on hand, and the plates not being any more in existence.
The ARCHITECTURAL WORK of the Monuments of Sicily consists in two title pages, ten well-executed drawings in tint print, and six measurements, with German and French text, on [illegible] royal paper.
The drawings are:—1. Temple of Concordia, at Agrigent; 2. Temple of Juno Lucina, at the same place; 3. Ruins of the Temple of Jupiter; 4. Theron's Tomb, at Agrigent; 5. Temple of Segesta; 6. Remains of the Temple of Jupiter, at Selinus; 7. Old Tomb Street, at Syracuse; 8. Antique Stone Quarry, at Syracuse; 9. Remains of Theatre, in Taormina; 10. The so-called [illegible]. The six plates of measurements belonging to same are particularly exact, the whole work most elegantly got up, systematically arranged, and must be a treasure and of great interest to any Architect and Lovers of the Old School of Architecture.
The price of a complete, well-preserved edition of this valuable work is [illegible], deliverable at Hamburgh. C. F. ZELLER, in Munich.
Orders for this work are attended to by Mr. E. REINHACKER, in Hamburgh.

BRITISH MUTUAL LIFE OFFICE.—The Public are invited to examine for themselves the advantages gained for Assurers by the plan on which policies are granted by this Office.—Apply to CHARLES JAMES THICKE, Secretary, 17, New Bridge-street, Blackfriars.

MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE, ANNUITIES, &c. The INDUSTRIOUS CLASSES may effect Assurances on Life for [illegible] and upwards. Annuities for themselves in Old Age, or for their Widows, and Endowments for Children. Premiums may be paid Quarterly or Monthly. Assurers will have the security of a Guarantee Fund.
Apply personally, or by letter, to R. W. MORRIS, Actuary to the Medical, Legal, and General Mutual Life Assurance Society, 126, Strand, London.—Agents wanted.

CLERICAL, MEDICAL, and GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
DIRECTORS.
JOSEPH MOORE, M.D., Chairman.

George G. Babington, Esq.	James Dunlap, M.D.
John Blackall, M.D.	Rev. Richard Garvey, M.A.
Sir Benj. C. Brodie, Bart. F.R.S.	Joseph Henry Green, Esq.
Rev. Alfred B. Clough, M.A.	Oliver Hargreave, Esq.
Samuel Cooper, Esq.	Clement Hue, M.D.
John Mc Cormick, Esq.	Samuel Merriman, M.D.
Rev. Thomas Dale, M.A.	Andrew A. Melville, Esq.
Thomas Davis, Esq.	Andrew Spottiswoode, Esq.

In addition to Assurances on Healthy Lives, this Society continues to grant Policies on the Lives of Persons subject to Gout, Asthma, Rupture, and other Diseases, on the payment of a premium proportioned to the increased risk. The plan of granting Assurances on Invalid Lives originated with this Office in the beginning of 1824.

TABLE OF PREMIUMS FOR ASSURING 100*l.* ON A HEALTHY LIFE.

Age.	For Seven Years, at an Annual Payment of	For Fourteen Years, at an Annual Payment of	Life Rate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Every description of Assurance may be effected with this Society, and Policies are granted on the Lives of Persons in any station, and of every age.
BONUSES.—The two first divisions averaged [illegible] per cent. on the Premiums paid. The Third, [illegible] per cent. The FOURTH Bonus, declared January 1847, averaged rather more than [illegible] per cent.; and, from the large amount of profit already realised, which has been reserved for future appropriation, and other causes, the Bonuses hereafter are expected considerably to exceed that amount.
The Society's income, which is steadily increasing, is now upwards of [illegible] per annum.
GEO. H. PINCKARD, Actuary,
78, Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, London.

To learn about OCR and PDF Compression visit ThePaperlessOffice.org